

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 4953

National Republican Congressional Committee and

Christopher J. Ward, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

On March 25, 2004, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement and civil penalty submitted on behalf of your client, the National Republican Congressional Committee and Christopher J. Ward, as treasurer, in settlement of violations of 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b and 441a(f) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(a) (1)(i), 106.5(c) and 106.5(g)(1)(i) of the Commission's regulations. Accordingly, the Commission has closed the file in this matter. Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

Conciliation Agreement